DECLASS EXCISE

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Noel Gaylor and Ray Courtney briefed me this morning on a complicated matter involving electronics and radio frequencies, to be taken up by me tomorrow, with General Maxwell Taylor. Our two Governments are at odds on this question, which is [redacted] technical.

Doug MacArthur, passing through here on his way to Washington, came to see me. He spoke of his difficulties in dealing at Brussels with the Congo affair. He is an old friend of Spaak, and Spaak talks frankly to him. I gather Doug feels our Government has on several occasions handled the Belgian Foreign Minister tactlessly and unskillfully. From what I can gather as a cable reader, this accusation is well founded. Spaak can be persuaded, but not bullied or coerced.

E and I went, shortly after noon, to the Radziwills' house. We had drinks there before going on to Buckingham Palace, where the Queen gave a lunch for Mrs. Kennedy. The Prime Minister and Lady Dorothy Macmillan, The Duke of Devonshire, Sir Michael Adeane, Private Secretary to the Queen, Lord Plunket, Deputy Master of the Household, Squadron Leader Carver and the ADC/MR were the other guests.

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The food was excellent, [redacted] the Mosel wine truly superb. I sat between the Queen and Lady Dorothy, and although their conversational styles had little in common, found them both agreeable. I talked to the Queen almost entirely about horses, in which her interest is passionate.

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